

IMPROVEMENT OF TUALATIN RIVER.

MEMORIAL

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF OREGON,

PRAYING

For an appropriation for the improvement of the Tualatin River, in said State.

JANUARY 13, 1873.—Referred to the Committee on Commerce and ordered to be printed.

To the honorable the Congress of the United States :

Your memorialists, the legislative assembly of the State of Oregon, would respectfully represent, that the Tualatin River, one of the main tributaries of the Willamette River, is susceptible of being made an available channel of intercommunication between one of the most fertile portions of Oregon and the city of Portland. The said Tualatin River is a navigable river from a point about four miles above its mouth for a distance of some seventy miles, the only obstruction to the free navigation of the same being caused by drift-wood and snags. That the river from about thirty miles from its mouth follows the eastern base of what is known as the Chehalem range of mountains. These mountains are covered with the finest growth of timber in the State, and abound in rich beds of iron ore, to develop which, and to bring the same into practical use, it will be necessary to open and improve said river. That the removal of those obstructions and the effecting of continuous water communication between the city of Portland and the region of country drained by said Tualatin River is practicable. Already certain citizens of this State have, at great expense, removed large portions of the obstructions and are now engaged in navigating said river, and are constructing a canal and locks for steamboats and other water-craft from a point on said river about five miles above its mouth, to connect the same with Oswego Lake and the Willamette River below the falls of said Willamette River. That by the improvement and opening of said river a large area of Government lands, otherwise almost valueless, will become open to settlement, the hidden resources of said mountains developed and added to the general wealth.

Your memorialists therefore pray your honorable body to grant aid out of the various appropriations making for the improvements of rivers and harbors; such aid to be expended under the supervision of

the proper officers of the United States, in removing the drifts and snags in said Tualatin River.

Adopted by the house September 20, 1872.

RUFUS MALLORY,
Speaker of the House.

Concurred in by the senate September 20, 1872.

JAMES D. FAY,
President of the Senate.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

State of Oregon, Department of State :

I, S. F. Chadwick, secretary of the State of Oregon, do hereby certify that I am the custodian of the great seal of the State of Oregon ; that the foregoing copy of house joint memorial No. 1 has been compared by me with the original ; that it is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of such original now on file in this department.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the great seal of the State of Oregon. Done at the city of Salem this the — day of December, A. D. 1872.

[SEAL.]

S. F. CHADWICK,
Secretary of State.